

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 and 35-40 are pending in this application.

The Examiner has stated that applicant will be required to submit formal drawings when the application is allowed. Applicant will do so.

The examiner has rejected claims 1-5, 7-10, 12-15 and 17-18 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Huang et al. Applicant has amended these claims to require a determination of edge density to be made as part of the claimed systems or methods. This is not new matter. See, e.g., ¶ 75. It is also not a feature taught in Huang et al.

The examiner has cited to column 3, line 59 to column 4, line 5 of Huang et al. in connection with his rejection of Claim 15. However, Huang et al. appears in this section to calculate the *difference* between the *number* of edges in two different images, not the *density* of the edges in one or more of the images. Reconsideration of this rejection is therefore requested.

The examiner has rejected claim 6, 11 16 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Huang et al. in view of Haynes et al. Applicant has amended the claims on which these rejected claims depend. As explained above, moreover, Huang et al. does not disclose the edge density feature that is the subject of these amended claims. Nor does the examiner contend that this feature is taught by Haynes et al. Reconsideration of this rejection is therefore requested.

Applicant has also added new dependent claims 35-40. These are directed to the concept of detecting the presence or absence of a color as part of the image processing. This is not new matter. See ¶ 76.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 501946 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account, referencing attorney docket no. 65881-013.

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